

*Noted by DCI*

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2 October 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. The President's Board has asked you to discuss the current status of the National Reconnaissance Plan.

2. It is my recommendation that you avoid at least initially, and entirely unless the Board itself brings the matter up, the problems you are having with the Department of Defense. I recommend that you tell the Board that at their last meeting you informed them of the built-in scientific and technical competence you had been developing over the past two years and that this conformed to one of their major recommendations. (You will remember briefing them in depth on this matter.)

3. I then propose that you tell them that you wish to bring them up to date on four current projects which are in train within the Agency and which have been thought up and developed by this in-house competence -- you would then briefly discuss [redacted] and the [redacted] -- all as covered in the notes Dr. Wheelon prepared for you.

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4. This would be a totally objective status report on these major research and development projects. You might well be asked the question whether these are under NRO aegis or not. You are up to date on this matter and I do not think need any further information. However, this question could well lead to the type of discussion that would bring out most all of the problems that we presently have with Vance, McMillan, and Fubini -- I am sure you need no briefing on this.

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